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SUBJECT: WEEKLY POLITICIAL SUMMARY- MAY 4-18, 1973

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1. POLTICIAL ACTIVITY RESUMED AT A MODERATE LEVEL  
FOLLOWING THE HOLY WEEK INTERVAL. THE " OTHER  
OPPOSITION GROUP COMPOSED OF DISSIDENT LIBERATORS AND

CONSERVATIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL  
CHRISTIANS ( PSC), INDIDEPENDENT LIBERALS ( PLI) AND  
UNIVERSITY LEADERS HAS BEEN ACTIVE. AN INCREASING  
NUMBER OF POLITICAL INDIPENDENTS ( MOSTLY MIDDLE CLASS  
PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL TYPES) APPEAR TO  
BE ATTRACTED TO THIS GROUP AND ARE PARTICIPATING IN ITS  
ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION TO LOCAL LEVEL MEETINGS IN  
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LEON, GRANADA AND MASAYA, NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE OTHER OPPOSITION ELEMENTS MET IN THE HOME OF DISSIDENT LIBERAL RAMIRO SACASA MAY 13 AND ARE SCHEDULED TO GATHER AT THE RESIDENCE OF DISSIDENT CONSERVATIVE PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO MAY 20. DISCUSSIONS AT THESE SESSIONS ARE INFORMAL AND ON A RATHER GENERAL LEVEL AND NO PARTICULAR ELEMENT ATTEMPTS TO ENFORCE ITS POINT OF VIEW OR LEADERSHIP ON THE OTHERS. THESE DISPARATE POLITICAL GROUPS ARE APPARENTLY COMING TOGETHER BECAUSE OF THEIR COMMON OPPOSITION TO THE SOMOZA REGIME AND COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTING BASIC ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL REFORMS AND THEIR DESIRE TO BE READY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLITICAL OPPOSITION WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE RECONSTRUCTION.

2. THE PAGUAGA CONSERVATIVE GROUP APPEARS TO BE LOSING MOMENTUM. PAGUAGA HAS NOW DISTRIBUTED THE 50 OR SO PATRONAGE JOBS ACQUIRED BY REMOVING AGUERO LOYALISTS AND THE MANY JOB SEEKERS HANGING AROUND HIM ARE BEGINNING TO DRIFT AWAY. HIS WEALTHY SUPPORTERS HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING WITH FUNDS AND HAVE EVEN TAKEN BACK THE MANAGUA BUILDING WHICH THEY MADE AVAILABLE FOR A NATIONAL PARTY HEADQUARTERS. MOREOVER, SOME GRANADA ARISTOCRATS ARE BEGINNING TO COMPLAIN OF PAGUAGA'S INEFFECTIVENESS AND INACTIVITY AND EXPRESS THEIR WELL KNOWN PREFERENCE FOR HIS ALTERNATE JOSE JOAQUIN CUADRA.

3. THE AGUERO CONSERVATIVES MEET REGULARLY AND ARE TRYING TO STRENGTHEN THEIR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND REVITALIZE LABOR ACTIVITIES. DR. AGUERO'S MASAYA HOME SERVES AS THE GROUP'S NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AS WELL AS THE OFFICE FOR HIS RESUMED MEDICAL PRACTICE. THE SIZEABLE BLOCK OF AGUERO DEPUTIES (25) TRIED TO INTRODUCE MEASURES ENDING MARTIAL LAW AND RESTORING THE 48 HOUR WEEK TO THE LABOR CODE IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY BUT THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP PROMPTLY KILLED THE PROPOSALS. AGUERO DEPUTIES SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE SUCH INITIATIVES IN ORDER TO AT LEAST ESTABLISH A RECORD. THERE ARE STILL NO SIGNS OF A RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE AGUERO AND OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS.

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4. SECRETARY ROGERS VISIT DID NOT BECOME ENTANGLED IN INTERNAL POLITICS, DESPITE OPPOSITION LA PRENSA'S SPOTLIGHTING OF ALLEGED LIBERAL PARTY ATTEMPTS TO CAPITALIZE ON IT.  
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